

*Historical photos courtesy collection of  
Retired Fire Captain William F. Cieri*



*Today, we honor and celebrate a unique man at  
an historic time and place. Mike Peters'  
generosity, humbleness, community pride, humor,  
loyalty and positive spirit improved all of our  
lives. A heartfelt thanks goes out to all who  
recognize the value of what he brought to our  
city and worked to make this day possible.*

*Go Hartford!*



## Dedication Ceremony to rename Engine Company 15

to the

Michael "Mayor Mike" Peters Fire Station  
on its 100th anniversary  
April 16, 2009



Eddie A. Perez  
Mayor



## —Program—

Welcome ..... Chief Charles A. Teale, Sr.

Invocation ..... Reverend Charles Williams

Proclamation ..... Mayor Eddie A. Perez

### Speakers

Calixto Torres, President, Hartford City Council

Captain Theodore Borowski, Station 15

Gary Goldberg-O'Maxfield, Fairfield Avenue Neighbors Association

Marilyn Rossetti, Executive Director, HART

Christopher Peters, Peters Family Representative

Unveiling of Plaque ..... Peters Family

Conclusion ..... Chief Charles A. Teale, Sr.

Benediction ..... Reverend Charles Williams

*Please join us for cake and refreshments inside the fire station  
immediately following the ceremony.*

## Michael P. Peters

Born in Hartford on November 14, 1948 to Paul and Christine Peters, Mike Peters grew up on Campfield Avenue in the South End of the city along with his sisters, Geraldine, Paula and Eleanor, and brother Robert. He attended St. Augustine's Elementary School and graduated from South Catholic High in 1967. His marriage to Jeannette St. Amand in

1970 produced three children – Christopher, Michelle and David. He later was blessed with five grandchildren: Alexander, Janessa, Elisa, Isabella and Jayden.

Mike was a proud and dedicated firefighter who spent 22 years on the Hartford Fire Department. He retired in 1993 from Station 15, to serve as the city's Mayor, thus becoming the only firefighter in the Department's 220 year history to become mayor of the City of Hartford.

He gave generously of his time to many worthy causes, and was known for — and will always be fondly remembered for — his positive spirit, love of family and friends, and enthusiasm for his city.



*Double 35-Gallon Tank American LaFrance Combination chemical.  
Put in service August, 1909.*

## Fire Station 15

Engine Company 15 was designed in 1908 by the architectural firm of Zunner & Sellev in the Colonial Revival style, and built for the sum of \$16,080.75. It opened on April 16, 1909, making it the oldest extant firehouse in Hartford today.

Its first captain was Thomas F. Mulcahy who transferred over from Engine Company 6; the station's first call was on May 13, 1909 in response to a rubbish fire on Hillside Avenue.

In 1914, Company 15 became the first firehouse in the city to respond to a call using a new signal system that connected all the fire

houses in Hartford. The following year, the Company was the last one still using horse drawn equipment. Horses were kept in a stable with eight stalls and a shower bath for the horses behind the main floor apparatus room. Evidence of these stalls remains today. A hay loft existed on the second floor, along with a bunk room, the captain's room and a hose tower.

The fire station was listed on the National Register of Historic Places on March 2, 1989. Today, it proudly turns 100 years old.